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AIR POLLUTION
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Institute of Tropical Metrology (IITM) launched an application to enhance awareness among the public on the hazards of air pollution and also to enable the citizens to check air quality in real terms;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the cities in which this facility is presently available;

(c) whether it is proposed to extend this facility to other parts of the country in the near future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY)

(a-b) Yes Madam. Earth System Science Organization- Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (ESSO-IITM),Pune has launched a mobile Application "System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research −Air" (SAFAR-Air) which can be downloaded from the SAFAR (website: http://safar.tropmet.res.in/) for Delhi and Pune. The SAFAR-Air is launched on 17th February 2015. The SAFAR provides site specific information on Air Quality in near real time and its forecast for the next 24 hours.

(c-d) Efforts on to extend SAFAR Air for Mumbai.

(e) Does not arise.